

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Planning summer worship can be seen as a challenge or an opportunity. It is said that many churches do go through a slump period in the summer. Church attendance drops dramatically. Yet, God is at work. Therefore, the church's door is never closed.

Even though summer is rather a slow season for church, it is a crucial time for worship and hospitality in your church. I encourage you to bring your guests to church during the summer. All are welcome to participate in worship with us because it is in worship that we live out our life as a Christian family together. Through worship and fellowship, we will find a multitude of opportunities to praise God. Let us respond to God with heart-felt, Spirit-filled services throughout the summer. Come and catch the Spirit!

Peace and grace, Pastor

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

July 10th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 17th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Amos 8:1-2, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 24th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

July 31st Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21



July & August:

Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays

9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays 9:00am-12:00pm

Closed Fridays

Ushers

July 10th: Joyce Campanella, Carolyn Holzbaaur-9:30
Dot & Bob Paine-9:30, Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

July 17th: Dorli Retinger-9:30
Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

July 10th: Danny Gastelua

July 17th: Paul Broderick

Communion Stewards

July 17th: Tom Sattler, Usha Singh

Myrna Loudon, Rob Schozer

Greeters

July 10th: Pat DiMassi

July 17th: Joan Ganz

GOLF FUNDRAISER: The Church is volunteering to work for Prom Caterers at the Barclays golf event at *Bethpage State Park* August 23rd thru 28th. You can choose which 6 hour shift you can cover, by clicking on the link on our Church website at www.farmingdaleumc.org (*the link is on the home page under the church name*) and on our Facebook page as well. Instead of your getting paid, the company will pay the church for your hours worked. The link has Q and A about the event. Friends, neighbors, co-workers and the like can also take shifts. Please help the Church get on financial ground by volunteering.

Ralph Ekstrand, Finance Chair

CAMP QUINIPET FAMILY RETREAT: Friday, August 26th thru Sunday, August 28th.

THE LONG ISLAND WEST DISTRICT SPIRITUALITY COMIITTEE of the UMC Presents "The Elijah Challenge 2016": Come and see how Church, People, Ministries and Congregations can be transformed. Dates are September 16, 17 and 18 at the *Grace UMC, 200-08 Murdock Avenue, St. Albans, NY*. Learn how to apply preaching, healing, deliverance, ministries and see your congregation transformed. Training is free. Further information to follow.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Saturday, May 20, 2017

5:00pm. Time to CELEBRATE our church's 175th Anniversary. The theme is: **Remember, Rejoice, Renew.** Evening will begin with a social hour followed by a fully catered dinner and entertainment in *Fellowship Hall*. We are planning a commemorative journal and will be asking for everyone's help by soliciting ads. More information will be forthcoming.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Ken Bush, Carolyn Holzbaaur, Emily Brown, Bill Landahl, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 10th

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
Baptism - Emma Lynn Rega
Reception into Membership - Rita Coughlin
Order of Farewell - Hager Family
11:30am Praise Service
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall

Mon. 7:00pm Paisley Circle

Tues. 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room

Wed. 1:30pm Bible Study - Library

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall
 6:30pm Moms of Faith Group

Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
 8:30am Tai Chi

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 17th

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
Baptism - Lucy Molano
11:30am Praise Service
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall

Tues. 12:00pm Gold Circle
 7:15pm Martha/Mary Circle
 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
 7:30pm UMM

Wed. 1:30pm Bible Study - Library

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
 8:30am Tai Chi

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THE MESSENGER



Weeks of July 10 & 17, 2016

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